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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 1997, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for the U.S. patent application identified above and earnestly request that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

IN THE TITLE:

Kindly replace the title of the invention with the new title --VACUUM SEED
METERING APPARATUS HAVING HOUSING OPENINGS--

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